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APPLICANT'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

An interview was conducted, with respect to Application 10/690,431, by telephone on May 11, 2005 with Martin Farber, David Warren and Examiner Maurina Rachuba. At the interview, there was discussion of a proposed amendment to claim 20 concerning insertion of additional elements of the invention into the claim, such as a substrate for holding the film, a nozzle for supplying particles, and a spray apparatus, with the functions of these elements being set forth in the inserted passage. A copy of the proposed amendment was provided to the Examiner prior to the interview.

At the interview, the Examiner stated that the proposed amendment provided the necessary elements to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 in the Office Action (dated 01/12/2005), which rejection was based on an omission of essential elements of the invention in claim 20. Claims 21 - 22 that depend from claim 20 and, in the Office Action, were said to have allowable subject matter, would be allowable (pending an update search) since they

were rejected only on 35 U.S.C. 112. Also, the additional features added to claim 20 by the amendment were said, by the Examiner, to distinguish over the teachings of Morioka so as to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 (pending an update search). The Office Action stated that the remaining claims were allowable. Thus, all claims should be allowable.

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